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Title: COMPACT BEDPLATE WITH INTEGRATED.

ACCESSIBLE DEAD END HITCHES

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Dear Sir:

Reconsideration of the final rejection of March 14, 2007 is requested.

All of the claims are rejected over the combination of the patent Nakagaki et al., and Orrmann et al. Essentially, the Examiner argues that it would have been obvious to move the dead end hitches of Nakagaki et al. to one side of the car. However, adopting the arrangement of dead end sheaves of Orrmann et al. into Nakagaki et al. would not meet the claims. The claims require that the dead end hitches are above a vertically lower most surface of the bedplate. In Orrmann et al., they are below the bedplate.

Moreover, Orrmann et al. shows a very distinct drive arrangement from that disclosed in Nakagaki et al. As one example, Orrmann et al. has sheaves and a machine which rotate on axes extending into the car. Nakagaki et al. has its components rotate about an axis which is generally parallel to a sidewall of the car. The proposed modification from one to the other would not be suggested, since the two are so distinct.

In sum, reconsideration of the final rejection is requested. Nakagaki et al. modified by Orrmann et al. would not meet the claims, and further is not properly suggested by these references.

Respectfully Submitted,

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